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JACK F. HANIKA, 36874692, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 24 February 1945, in the vicinity of Bubingen, Germany. Technician Fifth Grade Hanika, aid man of an infantry platoon, disregarding the hazards of a schu-mine field, intense artillery and mortar fire, crossed this area on two occasions to administer first aid to two wounded soldiers. His courageous actions were responsible for saving the lives of these men, and his outstanding gallantry is in accord with the highest traditions of the Medical Corps. Entered military service from Grosse Point, Michigan.

HAROLD A. HARMON, 36831106, Sergeant, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 17 February 1945, in the vicinity of Sarreguemines, France. He was given the mission of laying wire to a forward observation post during an attack by our infantry. He placed himself in front of his men to protect them from possible ambush. When this occurred, he was wounded in three places but continued to return the fire and skillfully directed his men in such a manner that they were out of the line of fire from the enemy machine gun. His outstanding courage and leadership resulted in protecting his crew and are commensurate with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

WILLIAM D. KROTZER, 39213380, Sergeant, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, *** Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 3 March 1945, in the vicinity of Gudinggen, Germany. Sergeant Krotzer, liaison sergeant, went out alone as forward observer without the aid of a forward observer party, taking as his only equipment an SCR 609 radio. Due to the shortage of personnel, it was necessary for Sergeant Krotzer to operate his own radio and to adjust and observe artillery fire, which he performed in a superior manner while under intense enemy fire. At no time did he get excited or unnerved. Sergeant Krotzer was wounded by enemy shell fire while exposing himself in order to obtain closer observation to adjust artillery fire on the enemy. His outstanding courage, initiative and gallantry are in accord with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Shelton, Washington.

IRVING SCHWARTZ, 32902257, Private First Class (then Private), Infantry, Company "L", *** Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 February 1945, in the vicinity of Bliesbrucken, Germany. During the infiltrating action of the enemy, Private First Class Schwartz, at the head of the avenue of approach, immediately brought fire upon them. His action located points of fire for the rest of the men and he assisted in keeping them informed of the enemy's movements. He exposed himself from time to time to enemy fire by standing in his foxhole in an endeavor to bring more effective fire on the enemy and to call for them to surrender. As a result of his courage and initiative, forty-six enemy surrendered. His outstanding gallantry is in accord with the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from New York, New York.

By command of Major General HIBBS:

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